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Congressman Steve Israel (D-NY) and members of the Blue Dog Coalition of the U.S. House of Representatives visit the NYSE and ring The Opening BellSM.

Elected to Congress in 2000, Congressman Israel serves on the House Financial Services Committee and the House Armed Services Committee. Congressman Steve Israel represents New York's Second Congressional District, which includes all of the town of Huntington and large portions of Babylon, Islip, Oyster Bay and Smithtown.

The Blue Dog Coalition was formed in the 104th Congress as a policy-oriented group to give moderate and conservative Democrats in the House of Representatives a common sense, bridge-building voice within the institution.

In the 108th Congress, the Coalition intends to continue to make a difference in Congress by forging middle-ground, bipartisan answers to the current challenges facing the Country. A top priority will be to refocus Congress on truly balancing the budget and ridding taxpayers of the burden the national debt places on them. The group also expects to be involved in education, regulatory reform, taxes, defense and veterans affairs.

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